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SUMMARY: GOVERNMENT OF PORTUGAL HAS JUSTIFIED ITS SUPPORT OF ANTI-ZIONISM RESOLUTION AND SEEMS UNLIKELY TO ALTER POSITION. POLITICAL LEADERS OF DEMOCRATIC PARTIES SAID THEY INTEND TO EXPRESS CONCERN ON PORTUGUESE POSITION TO FONMIN ANTUNES. EMBASSY WILL SEEK OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. ITALIAN DCM CORRIAS CALLED ON DCM NOVEMBER 6 TO CONTINUE CONSULTATIONS ON ANTI-ZIONISM RESOLUTION. CORRIAS REPORTED RESULTS OF ITALIAN AMBASSADOR'S CALLS ON FONOFF DIRECTOR GENERAL MAGALHAES CRUZ AND FONOFF SECRETARY OF STATE MEDEIROS FERREIRA, WHERE HE USED FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS REPRESENTING EC-9:

--AS PORTUGAL ONE OF NATIONS WHICH HAD DRIVE JEWS INTO DIASPORA, GOP SHOULD NOT OBJECT TO JEWS SEEKING TO RETURN TO
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HOMELAND:

--UNLIKE GREECE OR TURKEY, BOTH OF WHOM SEEKING RETURN ADVANTAGES FOR THEIR POSITIONS IN THE CYPRUS DISPUTE, PORTUGAL HAS NO POLITICAL ADVANTAGE TO GAIN BY SUPPORTING RESOLUTION;

--PORTUGAL'S SUPPORT WILL ANTAGONIZE JEWISH COMMUNITIS IN THE EC-9 AND ESPECIALLY THE UNITED STATES;

2. MEDEIROS FERREIRA ADMITTED THAT PORTUGAL AHD MADE A "HISTORIC ERROR" IN EXPELLING JEWS WHICH HAD LED TO DECLINE OF PORTUGAL AND THE RISE OF THE NETHERLANDS. HOWEVER, HE SAID THAT FONMIN ANTUNES SUPPORTED THE ANTI-ZIONISM RESOLUTION BASED ON FOLLOWING:

--GOP'S BELIEF THAT OPPOSITION TO RACISM SHOJLD NOT INCLUDE ONLY APARTHEID;

--GOP'S REACTION TO ISRAELI POLICY DURING SALAZAR REGIME WHEN GOI OPPOSED PORTUGUEUSE POLICY IN AFRICA AT THE SAME TIME IT BENEFITTED FROM USE OF AZORES BASE AS A CHANNEL FOR MILITARY AID;

--PORTUGAL HAD DELAYED ITS RESPONSE TO GOI'S REQUEST TO STABILIZE DIPLOMATIC RELATONS;

--ZIONISM ISSUE AROSE WITH SHORT LEAD TIME AND SUBJECT TO INTENSIVE PRESSURES IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY. CHANGE IN PORTUGUEUSE POSITION WILL NOT ALTER OUTCOME.

3. CORRIAS STATED THAT PORTUGUESE REASONS SEEM WEAK AND TENTENTIOUS. WE AGREE WITH CORRIAS THAT REAL, UNSTATED REASON BEHIND PORTUGUESE VOTE IS ADESIRE TO IDENTIFY THE GOP WITH ARAB MONEY, OIL, AND THE THIRD WORLD.

4. CORRIAS STATED HE SAW LITTLE LIKELIHOOD GOP WOULD ALTER POSITION. HE SUGGESTED THAT PRESSURES WHICH EC-9 COULD BRING ON SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL, WHICH OPPOSED RESOLUTION, MIGHT BE USEFUL.

5. FORMER CONGRESSMAN ALLARD LOWENSTEIN VISTED LISBON NOV 2-3. HE DISCUSSED ISSUE WITH SOCIALIST PARTY SYG MARIO SOARES, AND CONFIDENTIAL

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POPULAR DEMOCRATIC PARTY SYG SA CARNEIRO. LOWENSTEIN TOLD EMBASSY THAT BOTH EXPRESSED CONCERN AND DISPLEASURE WHEN LEARNING OF PORTUGUESE POSITION AND SAID THEY WOULD SPEAK TO FONMIN ANTUNES.

6. BOTH CORRIAS AND WE HAVE RECEIVED CONFLICTING INDICATIONS AS TO WHETHER ORIGINAL DECISON TO SUPPORT RESOLUTION WAS MADE IN FONOFF OR BY PORTUGUESE UN DELEGATION AND IS NOW BEING

RATIONALIZED BY FONOFF, EX POST FACTO. IN EITHER CASE, MELO
ANTUNES APPARENTLY NOW SUPPORTS THE RESOLUTION.

7. CORRIAS SUGGESTED US MAKE REPRESENTATIONS ON ISSUE. EMBASSY
WILL SEEK OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO, AND WILL PRESS FOR FAVORABLE GOP
POSITION ON DEFERRAL.
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